

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the above-recited amendments is respectfully requested.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants have amended the specification to recite a claim of priority as required in 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. Applicants have further amended the specification in the manner that the parent application from which this application claims priority was amended.

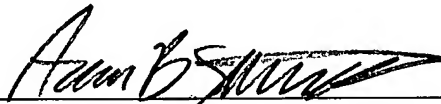
III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

All changes to the claims are fully supported by the application as originally submitted.

IV. CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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